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COUNTRY:

Hungary

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I. Military

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in Budapest in February or March 1956. Every second night during a period of two weeks, huge Soviet tank formations proceeded along the Villanyi ut (formerly called Szent-Imre Herczeg ut) these tanks moved in the direction of Budakeszi (N 47-30, E 18-56). On one night 40 T-34 tanks passing by which were covered with dust as if they were coming from a long route march.

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since March 1956, there had been an increase in the number of military aircraft, particularly jets, in the Budapest area. Approximately in May 1956 a formation of 60 jet interceptor aircraft flying over Budapest. new planes had arrived from the USSR in March 1956. In May or June 1956, four or five huge helicopters based at the Budaors (N 47-27, E 18-58) airfield, where formerly no helicopters had been seen. eight LI-2 aircraft on this airfield. In March 1956 14 MIG-15's, two or three MIG-17's and two IL-28 aircraft at the T8k81 (N 47-19, E 18-58) airfield on Csepel Island.

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**II. Civilian Section**

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some decrease in the number of arrests was noticeable. no travel restrictions but the document checking in trains going west is considerably increased and it begins nearer to Budapest.

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There was no significant change concerning the availability of food, drugs, clothing, etc.. Prices and wages also remained stable.

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There has been no noticeable change in censorship of mail or telephone conversations.

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new military construction projects:

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a. A new anti-aircraft gun emplacement on Farkashegy hill, near Budapest, with several barracks and about 15 anti-aircraft guns of 37 to 40 mm caliber.

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b. A new, large secret installation on Farkashegy hill, south of the observatory. Two new two-story buildings which were not yet completed, were located in an area surrounded by a high fence and provided with watch towers. It was guarded by political police. There was a heavy traffic of cars and trucks moving in and out of the area.

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it was known as "the chocolate plant" and was partly underground. this installation was connected with atomic research work.

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c. A new large radar station, installed in summer 1955 on top of Harmashatárhegy Mountain, in the northern outskirts of Buda.

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this radar station was the Hungarian central radar installation its radius was 400 kilometers.

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